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[redacted] Chief 25X1
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear [redacted] Subject: [redacted] 25X1

Yesterday I discussed [redacted] and payment of rental with 25X1
Messrs. Lane and Brick of the OKED Real Estate Division and Colonel Banks, Deputy District Engineer. They will accept the transfer of funds with the proviso given in your WA 463.

They showed me message No. CM 800957 from CINCFE to Department of the Army which said among other things that "pending this decision (on reduced rental) it is desired that CIA pay immediately full amount of rent." Today Mr. Lane showed me the Department of the Army reply to CINCFE which said that FBIS Headquarters, Washington had instructed the field to pay. The reply makes no mention of the proviso set forth in WA 463. The Bureau received the bill from OKED today, and the sum will be transferred as of 13 April but will have the proviso attached. I suggested in my classified message of today that you not withdraw the restriction because there has not been a decision on the question of reduced rental nor has the subject of pole rights been settled.

Although I had discussed the subject of pole rights with John Brick, I waited until a copy of the Cyprus agreement was received before raising the subject formally before OKED. When I discussed pole rights with the above-named persons, they suggested that USCAR be asked for its opinion. Later we all discussed the subject with Mr. Davies of the Government and Legal Department of USCAR. All expressed the opinion that this might be a more acceptable solution than reduced rental in that if FBIS expects to pay a lesser fee, it will have to accept a lesser interest.

At Mr. Davies' suggestion I prepared a memorandum for him and delivered it this morning. Both in the discussions and in the memorandum I stated that I can make no commitment for FBIS. Mr. Davies was in the act of preparing a reply to an AFFE message about land. Among other things he was asked to propose means other than outleasing as a solution to the problem of rented land being used by Okinawans. When I saw him last, he thought that he would propose pole rights as a possible solution.

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Although this may appear to be going further than you would like, from my experience it seems that USCAR itself does not give authoritative answers to questions like these, and the question would therefore sooner or later be referred to Tokyo.

I will keep you informed of any developments. Attached are copies of the memorandum to USCAR.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Bureau Chief

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